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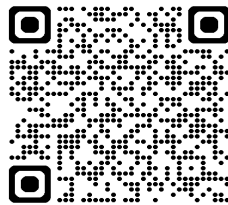
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shirts with staff written
on them



STAFF

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WELCOME



Welcome to the 64th International Campvention. Region 5 members, along with members from other regions, are excited about hosting the 75th Anniversary of NCHA/FCRV in Central New York.

As we celebrate our past, and look forward to our future, we have a week full of wonderful things to do. Whether you paddle the Erie Canal, or take a cruise through the locks, we hope you will enjoy the history of this region. A bike ride along the Mohawk River is beautiful, and relaxing. The Baseball Hall of Fame, in Cooperstown, remembers the past of the greatest men to ever play the game.

On site, we will have seminars about the past and a look into the future of wildlife and conservation. These two areas are the backbone of the foundation of NCHA/FCRV. Also, the lineup includes things we have done at past Campventions, and new things that hopefully will continue on to future Campventions.



WELCOME



No FCRV event would ever be complete without food! We have a wonderful anniversary dinner planned for Tuesday, and of course, hospitalities.

No matter whether you came from far, or near, we hope you will enjoy this celebration of the founding of NCHA/FCRV. Hank Nathan would be proud.

Deb Swanson & Carl Fromholzer
64th Annual Campvention Chairmen





PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



As President of Family Campers and RV'ers, I am excited to welcome you to Frankfort, NY for the celebration of our 75th anniversary. The Herkimer County Fairgrounds is already a friend of FCRV. New York has held its spring and fall campouts here for at least 15 years.

I believe Hank Nathan, our founder, is smiling at this fine organization celebrating 75 years. He would be proud of the organization, and its leadership that continues to hold FCRV together. We have come a long way since Hank started the organization, with strangers he met on a camping trip, all those years ago.

The Mohawk Valley has so many interesting places to visit. The Baseball Hall of Fame, the Saranac Brewery Tour, the Erie Canal Cruise, and the boat ride on Glimmerglass Lake. If you enjoy walking, and shopping, check out Main Street in Cooperstown. The Adirondack Scenic Railway is the way to go if you're interested in taking a train ride through the incredible Mohawk Valley. This area offers so much to do, and to see, I hope that you will find some time to take some of it in. Look into the history that helped mold our Country. Know the footsteps of the founding Fathers. Hear the echo of the words they spoke those many years ago.

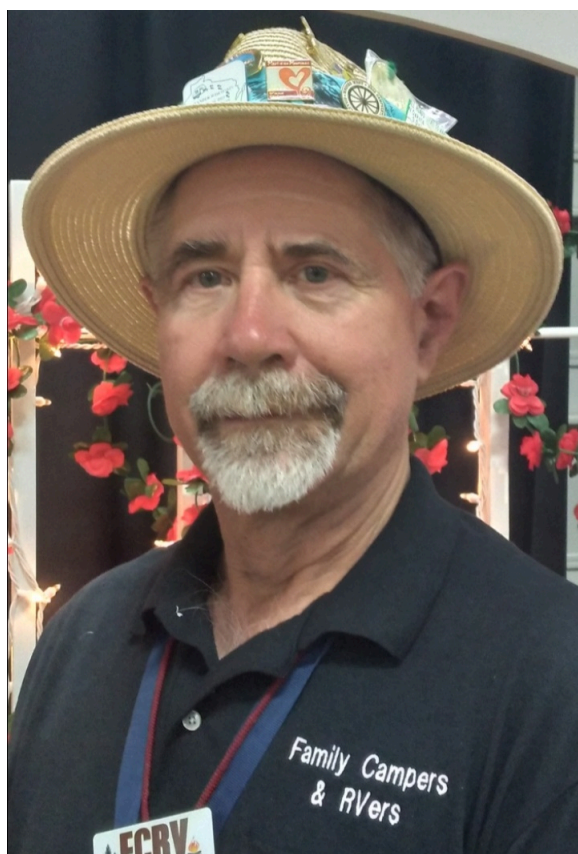


PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



So, as we spend this week celebrating, seeing old friends and making new ones, and enjoying all that the Campvention team has put together for us, let's remember our past and look forward to our future. Let's Celebrate 75 wonderful years together!

Gerry Pfirsch,
International President of Family Campers & Rv'ers.





RULES



- Pets must be on leashes at all times. No pets in the buildings and please clean up after them.
- No smoking or vaping in the buildings.
- FCRV acknowledges and respects the rights of individuals to use alcohol in a legal and responsible manner, just as it acknowledges and respects the rights of individuals who choose not to use alcohol. Responsible, mature behavior is expected.
- No illegal drugs.
- Please wear name tags at all times.
- Youth should wear ID bracelets at all times.
- Teens should carry their Teen Card with them at all times.
- No fireworks.
- No Wood Campfires Permitted. Propane fire pits & charcoal grills are permitted.



RULES



- Bike riding is allowed after dark only if you have a headlight and reflectors. No bike riding is allowed in the Buildings or high pedestrian traffic areas. In New York, helmets are required by law for all riders age 14 and under.
- Curfew: Unless accompanied by an adult.
Youth: 10:00pm.
Teens: 1:00am.
- Quiet Hours: From Midnight to 6:00am.
- Vehicles should use the MAIN entrance ALL WEEK to come and go from the campgrounds.





GLOSSARY OF TERMS



Adult & Family Center - A place for everyone to gather and play board games, puzzles, and chat.

Adult Games - Yard games for friendly competition among adults.

Aluminum Tabs - Soda pop tops collected for charity.

Announcements - A time before evening entertainment where updates, changes, and general information is given.

Band - FCRV members who play an instrument. Open to all member musicians.

Bulletin Boards - Multiple locations where changes to the days schedule are posted.

Camp/Camp Walk - A series of exercises/events scheduled to get **Campers Actively Moving (Program)**

Campvention - Official term for the legal meeting required annually and hosted by a different region each year.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS



Campvention Office - A central location for clerical activities. Staffed through the day by volunteers. A helpful resource for information.

Central Registration - The place to stop, after you are parked, for the actual campout. You will receive your registration packet. You can sign up for all volunteer opportunities, crafts, pump out services, etc. This is a one stop “shop” for anything that needs to be prepaid so bring check/cash for payment.

Chapters - The term for individual clubs within FCRV. Members can be members of multiple chapters. Non-chapter members are called Members-At-Large.

Closing Ceremonies - The closing of Campvention. A time to thank those who worked the current Campvention and to introduce the next year’s team. A hospitality is usually hosted by the next year’s team.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS



Commercial Area - A designated area where businesses come to sell, or promote, their products. Some vendors may offer special ordering so come early, and often, and support our vendors.

Conservation - A program of FCRV that brings awareness to the plights of the areas in which we live and camp. Campvention is the only time to raise funds for conservation by holding a raffle, 50/50, or an auction.

Crafts - Creative activities for adults unless specified otherwise.

DASAT - Disaster And Safety Awareness Training - a FCRV program focused on knowledge, prevention, and preparedness for a variety of disasters, both personal and wide scale.

Entertainment - Usually held in the evening. Could be paid local entertainers or FCRV members.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS



Evening Program - Activity that occurs after dinner. Mostly some form of entertainment but can be meetings, games, raffles, etc.

Family Fun Day - An afternoon of fun and games hosted by the Trustees. It is also an opportunity for the teens to raise funds by selling hamburgers and hot dogs.

FCRV - Family Campers & RV'ers. An international organization established in 1949 as National Campers & Hikers to promote fun, friendship, and fellowship for all ages, and styles, of camping. Its motto is: Where strangers become friends and friends become family.

FFCC - Family and Friends Camping Club- An organization merged with FCRV as their own chartered national chapter.

Food Bank - An opportunity for attendees to donate to a local food bank.

General Membership Meeting - A yearly meeting that all members can attend.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS



Goodie Bags - Bags filled with local information, free items, and Campvention information given out at central registration

Hospitality - Events hosted by States, Regions, or Groups to welcome attendees with a snack and beverage. The Hospitality line is a traditional way of greeting old friends or meeting new friends and trading trinkets.

Locator Board - A centralized area with cards showing where campers are parked.

Marketplace - A place where members can sell their items to other members.

Name Tags - Are available on grounds. They should be worn at all times during Campvention to show that you belong there and for ease of personal interaction. It is also good to wear offsite to show local businesses that we are in the area and supporting them.

NCHA - Organization's original name - **National Campers & Hikers Association** began doing business as **Family Campers & RVers** in 1992.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS



Noise Parade - Unscheduled event that can happen at any time. It is good natured fun that can be held for celebration, or for no reason at all. Any group can hold one, but local noise ordinances need to be observed. When you hear one, grab any noise making instrument and join in.

Opening Ceremonies - The welcoming start of Campvention week that is usually followed by a hospitality hosted by the Campvention team.

Parade - A cumulative event where groups, states, provinces, and regions can have a creative entry. They can walk, use golf carts, floats, ride a bike, etc. It is a judged event and there are prizes.

Region - A set group of states, or provinces, that work together for the betterment of FCRV. They may host campouts in their state, or region and work together when their area is the host of Campvention.

Seminars - Educational opportunities on varied subjects offered at Campvention.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS



State/Provincial Associations - A unit that contains all the member chapters of an individual state or province.

Teen - Any attendee between the ages of 13-19. They have their own location on grounds and a program designed for them. Attendees from other age groups can only participate by invitation.

Teen Center - The location where the teens gather.

Trade Items - Small items that are traded between members. Usually done while standing in the hospitality line. The items should have a safety pin, or other way, to attach to lanyards, hats, etc.

Tram - On grounds transportation within the Campvention that is volunteer operated. Tram stops are located throughout the campsites and run on a regular schedule.

Trustees - The governing body of FCRV.



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Vendors - Businesses that contract with FCRV to promote or sell their products at our Campvention,

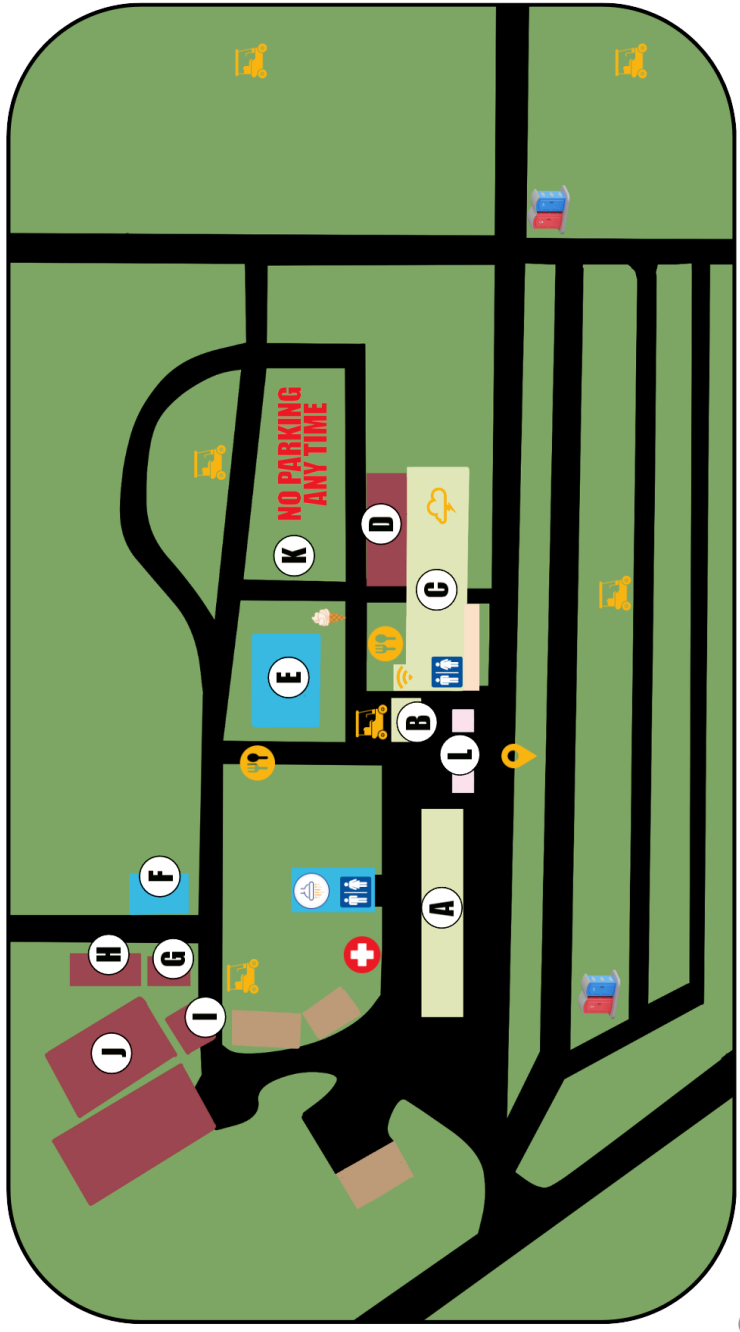
Youth - Any attendee between the ages of 0-12.

Youth Center - Area designated for youth activities, including games, crafts, and outdoor fun.



EVENT/BUILDING MAP

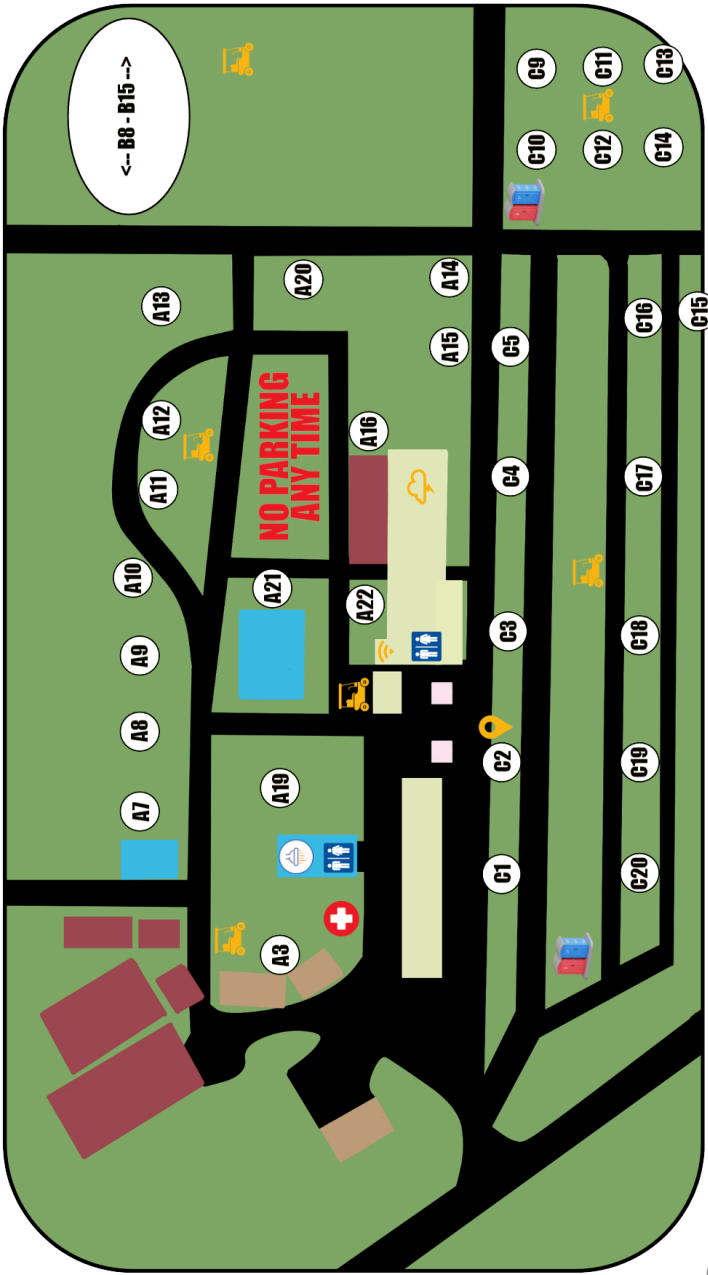
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- Restrooms
- Showers
- Tram Stop
- Shelter Building
- Food Trucks
- First Aid
- WiFi
- Dump Station

PARKING MAP

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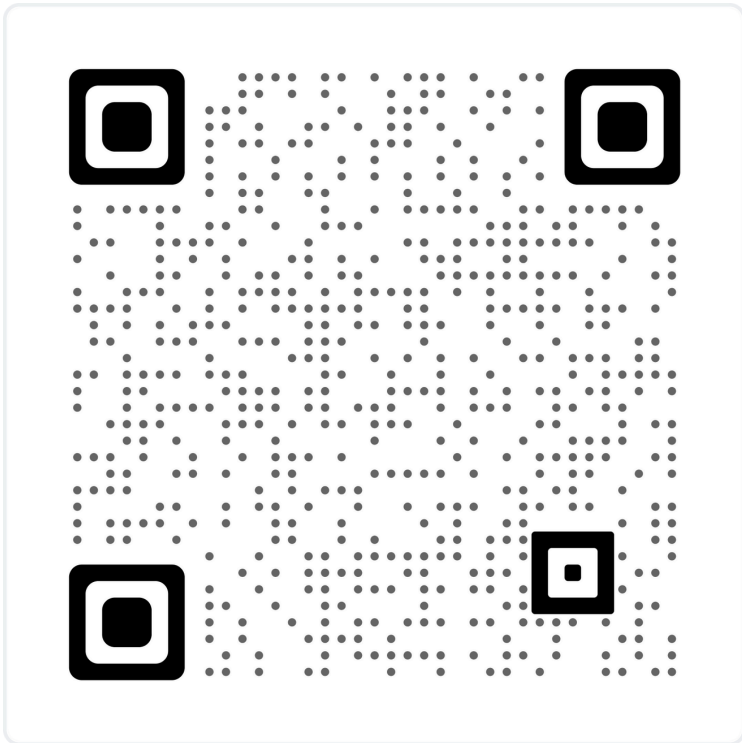
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SCHEDULE



Fri June 21	Event	Location
8am - 8pm	Parking	B

Sat June 22	Event	Location
8am - 8pm	Parking	B
9am - 8pm	Gate Registration	B
9am - 12pm	Central Registration	C
1pm - 4pm	Central Registration	C
1pm - 4pm	Golf Cart Pick Up	I
2pm - 4:30 pm	Campvention Office Open	L
7pm	Choir Practice	E

Sun June 23	Event	Location
8am - 8pm	Parking	B
8am - 12pm	Gate Registration	B
8am	Church Service	E
9am - 5pm	Executive Board Meeting	C
9:30am - 11:30am	Central Registration	C
9:30am - 11:30am	Campvention Office Open	L
1pm	Opening Ceremonies Practice	E
2pm - 4:30pm	Central Registration	C
2pm - 4:30pm	Campvention Office Open	L
7pm - 8pm	Opening Ceremonies	E
After Ceremonies	Hospitality: Northeast Region #5	C
8pm - 9pm	Teen: Teen & Guardian Meeting	G
9pm - 12am	Teen: Welcome To The Diamond Mine	G



SCHEDULE



Mon June 24	Event	Location
8am	C.A.M.P.: Walk	E
8am - 8pm	Perpetual Walk/Run	C
9am - 10am	First-Timers Meeting	F
9am - 5pm	Commercial Sales	A
9am	Seminar: SkyMed Breakfast	C
9am	Adult Sports: Ladder Golf	K
9am	C.A.M.P. : Pickleball	C
9am -11am	Youth: Registration + Group Games	A
9:30am	Pet Parade Meeting	E
9:30am - 10:00am	All Poster/Coloring Page Drop Off	F
9:30am - 11:30am	Campvention Office Open	L
10am - 11am	Seminar: Beekeeping	F
10am - 11am	Family Fun Day Set Up	K
11am - 2pm	Family Fun Day	K
12pm - 1pm	Teen Sell Hot Dogs & Burgers	K
1pm - 3pm	Youth: Bird Houses + Obstacle Course	A
2pm - 4:30pm	Campvention Office Open	L
2pm - 4:30pm	FCRV Got Talent Practice	E
2pm - 3pm	Seminar: History of the Erie Canal	F
2pm - 3pm	Line Dancing Beginners Basic	C
3pm - 5pm	Teen: Float Building	J
3pm	Seminar: Adventure Caravans	C
3pm - 4pm	Line Dancing - Beginners	C
3pm - 4pm	Movie Trivia Contest	C
3pm - 4:30 pm	Seminar D.S.A.T	H
4pm - 5pm	Parade Meeting	C
6:45pm	Announcements	E
7:00pm	Entertainment: Grit & Grace	E
After Entertainment	Hospitality: Region #7	C
8:30pm	Teen: Hungry Hungry Hippos	G



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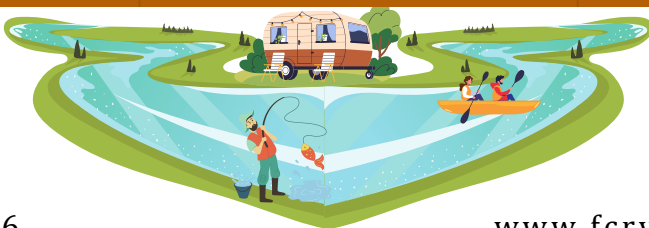
Tue June 25	Event	Location
8am	C.A.M.P.: Walk	E
8am - 8pm	Perpetual Walk/Run	C
9am - 3pm	Commercial Sales	A
8:30am - 9:30am	Trustee Hospitality	C
9am	Adult Sports: Washer Toss	K
9am	Briter Products: Solar for Your RVs	C
9am - 11am	Youth: Paint Art + Group Games	A
9:30am - 11:30am	Campvention Office Open	L
9:30am - 3:30am	Teens: Wolf Mountain Nature Center	G(Off-Site)
10am - 11am	Seminar: Ghosts of the Mohawk Valley	F
11am	Canoe/Kayak Erie Canal	A(Off-Site)
11am	Seminar: Adventure Caravans	C
11:30 - 1pm	Seminar: D.S.A.T.	H
2pm - 4:30pm	Campvention Office Open	L
1pm	Seminar: Wildlife Leave No Trace	H
1pm	Seminar: Skymed	C
1pm - 3pm	Youth: Activities & Races	A
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Card Bingo	C
2pm - 3pm	Seminar: Maple Syrup Production	F
3pm	RV School: Tire Safety & Weighing	C
3pm - 4pm	Line Dancing - Beginners	C
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Crafts:Magnetic Note Board	C
4:30pm - 6pm	Anniversary Dinner	C
6:45pm - 7pm	Announcements	E
7pm	Entertainment: FCRV Got Talent	E
After Entertainment	Hand & Foot	C
8pm - 12am	Teens: Old Fashioned Scavenger Hunt	G
After Entertainment	Hospitality: Ohio Stars (FFCC)	C



SCHEDULE



Wed June 26	Event	Location
	Hawaiian Day	
8am	C.A.M.P.: Walk	E
8am - 8pm	Perpetual Walk/Run	C
9am	C.A.M.P.: Bike Ride	A(Off-Site)
9am - 3pm	Commercial Sales	A
9am	Adult Sports: Cornhole	K
9am	Briter Products: RV Lithium Batteries	C
9am - 11am	Youth: Jewelry + More	A
9:30am - 11:30am	Campvention Office Open	L
10am - 11am	Seminar: Invasive Species	F
10am - 11am	Crafts: Seed Package Wreath	C
10am - 12pm	Teens: Float building	J
11:30 - 1pm	Seminar: D.S.A.T.	H
12pm - 4pm	Site Decorating Judging	
1pm - 4pm	Teens: Root Farm Challenge Course	G(Off-Site)
1pm	Pet Parade	E
1pm - 3pm	Youth: Water Activities	A
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Euchre Tournament	C
2pm - 4:30pm	Campvention Office Open	L
2pm - 3pm	Seminar: People of the Longhouse	F
3pm	RV School: Safe Driving	C
3pm - 4pm	Line Dancing - Beginners	C
4pm - 4:30pm	Scholarship Meeting	F
4:30 - 5pm	Wildlife Meeting	F
6:45pm	Announcements	E
7pm	Door Prizes	E
7:30pm	Entertainment: Big Fez & The Surfatics	E
After Entertainment	Hospitality: FFCC National Chapter	C
8pm - 12am	Teen: Pizza night and games	G





SCHEDULE



Thu June 27	Event	Location
8am	C.A.M.P.: Walk	E
8am - 8pm	Perpetual Walk/Run	C
9am	C.A.M.P.: Disc Golf Tournament	K
9am - 10am	Marketplace - Handicapped	A
9am - 12pm	Market Place	A
9am	RV School: Emergency & Safety Prep	C
9am -11am	Youth: Newspaper Towers, Forts + More	A
9:30am - 11am	Teen: Volleyball	Sand Court
9:30am - 11:30am	Campvention Office Open	L
10am - 11am	Crafts: Floral Wreath	C
11:30 - 1pm	Seminar: D.S.A.T.	H
1pm - 3pm	Teen Adult Softball	K
1pm - 3pm	Youth: Ornament Making + More	A
3pm - 4pm	Seminar: Rawlings Adirondack Bat Factory	F
2pm - 4:30pm	Campvention Office Open	L
3pm	RV School: Fire Suppression	C
3pm - 4pm	Line Dancing - Beginners	C
3pm - 5pm	TP Insurance Preview	E
4pm	Line Dancing - Demonstration	C
6pm - 6:45pm	TP Insurance Preview	E
6:45pm	Announcements	E
7pm	Door Prizes	E
7pm	Awards	E
After Awards	Wildlife Raffle	E
After Wildlife Raffle	Birdhouse Auction	E
After Bird House	Teen TP Raffle	E
After TP Raffle	Teens: Birthday Party	G
After Raffles	Hospitality: Michigan State Association	C





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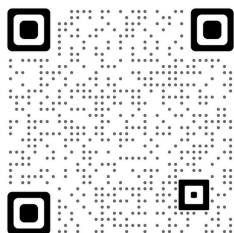


Fri June 28	Event	Location
8am - 8pm	Perpetual Walk/Run	C
9am - 10 am	First Timers Follow Up Meeting	F
9am -10 am	Parade Judging	J
10am	Parade	J
10am - 12pm	Teens: Parade	J
12pm	Flag Retirement Ceremony	TBD
1pm - 2pm	Field staff and Chapter Officers Meeting	C
1:30pm - 4pm	Teens: Roller Skating	G(Off-Site)
2pm - 4pm	Regular Bingo	C
3pm - 4pm	Line Dancing - Beginners	C
6pm - 7:30pm	General Membership	E
7:30pm - 8:30pm	Announcements/Closing Ceremonies	E
9pm	Campfire Sing Along & S'mores	D
	Sponsored By Campvention 2025	
After S'mores	Teens: Glow Party	G

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CENTRAL REGISTRATION



When CENTRAL REGISTRATION opens please come to the registration area where you will visit each station to receive or provide your information for the various opportunities to participate in while at camp. Bring the information where you're parked and emergency contact information w/phone numbers. Also, you can sign up for the activities and meals at this time. We will assist you with any questions or needs.

PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING CASH OR CHECK FOR PAYMENT OF EARLY PARKING, MEALS AND ANY OTHER PAYMENTS.



LOCATOR BOARD



Display of all members that are present at camp. Information includes their site number and camp phone numbers so you can reconnect with old friends!



FIRST TIMERS



We are so pleased that you are making the 2024 Campvention your 1st! The whole Campvention committee is committed to making your first time your best time! So don't be afraid to ask anyone on the committee for anything that will help you enjoy your stay! The Glossary of Terms contains some commonly used words or phrases. Please utilize this Glossary as needed.

FIRST TIMERS MEETINGS

MONDAY 9:00 AM & FRIDAY 1:00 PM

**Be sure to attend these meetings
to help you navigate Campvention!**





OPENING CEREMONY



Erin White, NYSA & FCRV Teen Queen 1999 - National Anthem



The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see
By the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed
At the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched
Were so gallantly, yeah, streaming?
And the rockets' red glare
The bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave



Jack Smye, Past President of FCRV - Canadian National Anthem



O Canada

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.



HOSPITALITY



Hospitalities, consisting of a snack and drink and/or a small gift, are scheduled each day. These are FOR EVERYONE held usually after the evening entertainment from Sunday through Friday.

- Sunday June 23: Region #5 “Campvention 2024 Host”
- Monday June 24: Region #7 “Canadian Welcome”
- Tuesday June 25: (A.M.): Trustees “Good Morning FCRV!”
- Tuesday June 25: (P.M.): Ohio Stars “A Little Gift for You”
- Wednesday June 26: FFCC “Hawaiian Day”
- Thursday June 27: Michigan State “Michigan Munchies”
- Friday June 28: Sponsored by Campvention 2024 “More Smores Please!”



YOUTH PROGRAM



In keeping with the Campvention Theme of “Remembering Our Past...Celebrating Our Future”, there will be youth activities daily Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9-11 am and 1-3pm. Dress in play clothes and expect to have fun! Sneakers should be worn for Tuesday afternoon’s races/activities, and we will use paints frequently. For our Wednesday afternoon water activities, consider wearing bathing suits under t-shirts/athletic shorts and bring a towel.

Activities will range from crafts to obstacle courses, each embracing our campvention theme. Plan to learn about the NY State Bird while you assemble a Bluebird house to take home. We will also construct wooden stilts and land skis to play and compete with, as well as playing some small group games that many enjoyed years ago, along with creating artwork to take home. Ornaments to remember our time at campvention will finish out our activities. All supplies will be provided for activities.

Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Youth 5-8 must be signed in and out by a parent/guardian (or accompanied by). Parents of youth ages 9-12 can choose whether or not to allow their child to sign themselves in and out - a permission statement indicating choice must be signed.



TEEN CENTER



“The Diamond Mine”

Teens will have a variety of activities at Campvention, mixed with downtime to allow them to sell TP Raffle tickets and just plain relax. Field trips to Wolf Mountain, a Challenge Course, and to a roller rink, will be blended with onsite activities, all for the benefit of our teens.

On ground activities will include working at the Hot Dog sale during the Family Fun Day activities, volleyball, softball and time set aside to work on their entry into the FCRV Parade on Thursday. A big highlight of the week is the annual TP Raffle, slated for Wednesday.

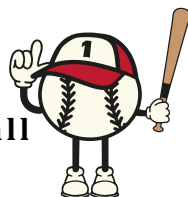
It all begins with a Teen/Parent/Guardian meeting on Sunday night where plans will be reviewed, Permission Slips signed, and questions answered. All State/Provincial Teen Directors are asked to attend as well, and those wishing to volunteer as chaperones or drivers would also be welcome at this meeting.



TEEN SPORTS



Volleyball & Softball



Calling all Teens...we will be playing Volleyball Thursday morning at 9:30. Make sure you all show up, even if you don't play you need to come to support your fellow teens. Any adults interested in helping and/or participating in the teen volleyball are welcome to come also. You will be put on a team if there aren't enough teens.

The annual Softball game was originally teens competing against other teens. Then we transformed the game to adults vs teens and now we have just decided to mix the teams up. So, any age that wants to play Softball, bring your gloves and bats. This includes youth - we need some base runners for older folks! We do have some equipment to provide for members that don't have any to bring. Just come and play!

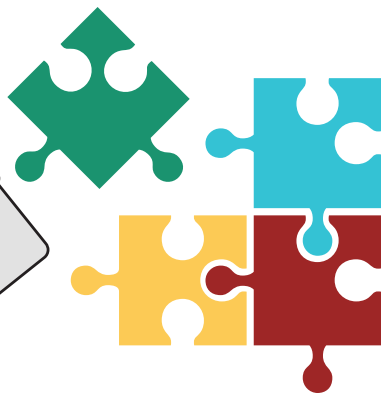
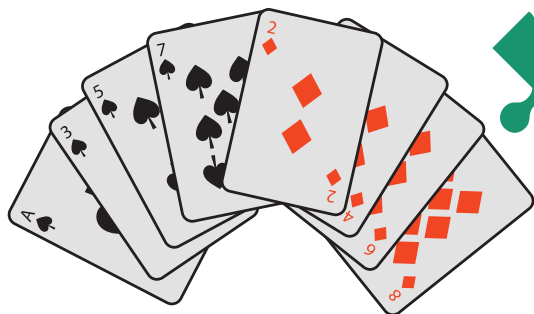
We had a good turnout of members last year at Richmond and had a very competitive softball game. We need to make sure the membership comes to watch us play. So, when walking to the ball diamond tell everyone you see to come and join us either by playing or watching!



ADULT ACTIVITY CENTER



If you have ever attended a Family Campers & RVers national rally, which we like to call “Campvention”, you’ll know that there is a lot on the schedule. But we also know that not all these activities appeal to all members, so for those times when you’d just like to play cards, do a puzzle or meet friends for a conversation, we have the Adult Activity Center. There we have puzzles, books, games and cards...or you could bring your own. We also have several activities scheduled for the center, such as Euchre , Hand and Foot, Bingo as well as other things to do. So be sure to look for these interesting diversions in the schedule, and enjoy the relaxed setting of the Adult Activity Center. The Center is located at the southern end of Building C.





ADULT GAMES



Part of the energy and activity at Campvention comes from the adult sports/games we play the first three mornings at Campvention. This year we will play ladder golf, washer toss and cornhole. They will be M/T/W 9am. Check the schedule for details, and the rules for each are on the FCRV website. In addition to these three, we will play bocce, most likely on Thursday. We will also have a course set up for disc golf.

For the three games, you can play as an individual, a team of two, or both groups. If you'd like to play doubles, but don't have a partner, show up anyway, people will be paired up on gameday.

Please sign up at Central Registration. If in doubt, sign up, we can adjust on gameday. And, if at the last minute your schedule allows you to play, you can still show up and it will happen.

To make these games move along smoothly, we need supplies. If you have ladder golf sets, washer toss boards or CORNHOLE boards and bags, PLEASE BRING THEM! FCRV does not own any cornhole sets.



FAMILY FUN DAY



The teen organization will be selling Family Fun Day tickets at central registration for their Hot Dog/Hamburger meal being served on Monday from 12 to 1. We are trying to keep our costs at \$5.00/meal that includes a hamburger or hot dog with chips and water. At Family Fun Day the FCRV Trustees will have games for members to participate in. This is just a gathering for all members to mingle with old friends and meet new friends! So, please remember to purchase your tickets at Central Registration. We will also have some extra meals to purchase if you didn't get a ticket. The teens appreciate your support as they use these profits for their activities this week.





C.A.M.P.



C.A.M.P. - What is it, and what does it do at Campvention?

Campers Actively Moving Program: the name Family Campers & RVers gives to its hiking, biking, canoeing, dancing, climbing, and all other forms of deliberate movement designed to help us get, and stay, in reasonable physical condition. CAMP events take place at national, regional and state or provincial campouts, and are also scheduled at chapter campouts. FCRV members get credit for participating in these activities via “coupons” which can be used to purchase FCRV gear. This year plans include kayaking or canoeing on the nearby Erie Canal, and the team is hard at work to obtain rentals for members who don’t have their own equipment with them. Additionally, there are plans afoot for Disc Golf, as well as hikes scheduled each morning. If these details are not finalized prior to the printing of this book, members are strongly encouraged to visit the bulletin boards posted at Campvention each day for an update of the schedule for C.A.M.P. activities.



PET PARADE



!!ATTENTION PET PARENTS!!

It has been brought to my attention that your fur babies want to be the center of attention at Campvention. Well don't you know that it is a tradition that they are highlighted in their own parade! This year the contest will take place on Hawaiian day. You must attend the pet parade meeting on Monday to be registered and official. So, bring the appropriate attire and join us center stage for the best show of the week.





MARKETPLACE



Thursday June 27, 2024 9:00am to 12:00pm in Bldg A.

Come out and support your fellow FCRV members. Lots of handmade items from baby booties to blankets to stuffed animals. We have very talented members, come see what they can do!





CRAFTS



Feeling Crafty?

Join Mary Thompson to construct all or just one of the following crafty projects. Pre-registration and \$10 fee is required for each craft. All materials are included in the fee. Please bring along your own glue gun and wire cutters.

Tuesday June 25, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Magnetic Message Board

Wednesday June 26, 10:00 - 11:00 am

“Seed Packet” Wreath

Thursday June 27, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Floral Wreath





HONEY WAGON & PROPANE



Honey Wagon Service: RV dump service will be provided by Jon's Johns Portable Toilets on Sunday (\$50), Tuesday (\$40) and Thursday (\$40). Sign up will be at central registration and a minimum of 10 RVs each day must sign up or the service is cancelled for that day. Members are required to be present at their RV at the time of service.

<https://jonsjohnsportables.com/>

Propane Service: Propane service will be provided by Harbor Point Energy Products on Monday. Sign up will be at Central Registration. Cost will be \$4.50 per gallon in cash. Members are required to be present at their RV at the time of service.

<https://harborpointep.com/>



TP RAFFLE



The Teens are holding this raffle again this year. The idea is to “buy” TP insurance that also serves as raffle tickets. THIS WILL NOT KEEP YOUR TRAILER FROM BEING TP’d! However, if you are TP’d, the Teens will come and clean it up. And just like last year, they will have some fabulous prizes!





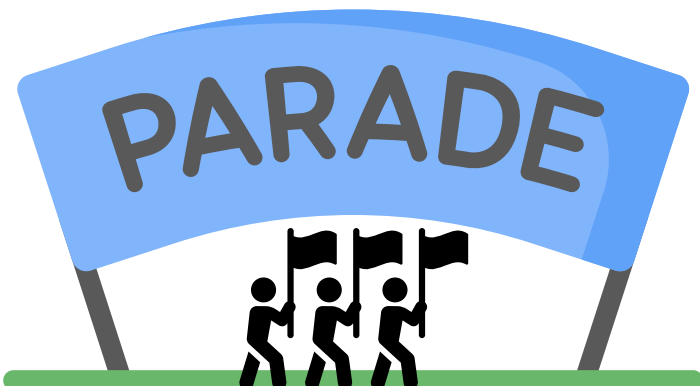
CAMPVENTION PARADE



If you plan on being in the Parade at 10AM on Friday, you need to attend and register at the Meeting at 4PM on Monday in Building C. All participants or a representative **MUST** attend to register and receive a number to attach to the float/vehicle from the Parade Committee.

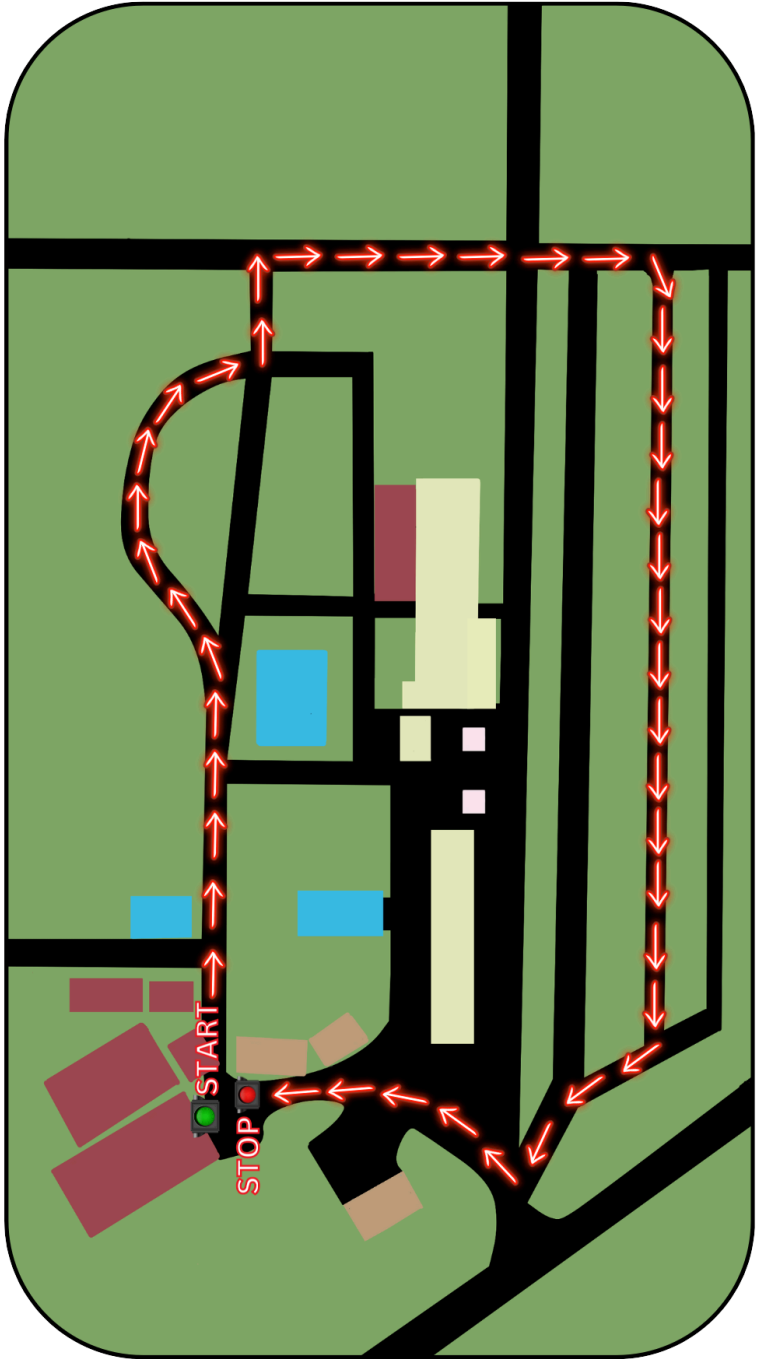
The parade theme is “Camping - Past, Present, and Future”. We encourage all state, province, teen, youth groups, retirees, chapters and individuals to participate with floats/vehicles or walking. Historically, the parades went through the town we were camping in, but in recent times we have stayed on the campground.

Previewing of all floats will be done Friday 9AM-10AM before the start of the Parade.



PARADE ROUTE

2024 CAMPVENTION





Internet and Cell Phone Safety in Today's Environment - Come with an open mind to learn how to use your cell phone safely. This will be a review of things to do and things not to do when using a cell phone. Many important points will be discussed. Learn how your children/teens may be using the cell phone and passing along personal information without your/our knowledge. Learn how to protect yourself and your family. Important tips of understanding will be presented.

Citizens Guide to Emergency Preparedness -

How prepared will you be when an emergency occurs? To be covered in this seminar are various ways on how to prepare for the different types of emergencies, and what to do. A weather event can happen instantly, do you know how to take care of loved ones in a moment's notice? Preparation is the key to your survival. Knowing what to do, how to do it, and when to stay in place or evacuate will be discussed.



Cooking for Groups - Many times when a group of people gather, food may be served. Everyone loves to eat. This seminar originally written by Marilyn Rausch will cover the basics of food preparation. Some of the things to do and other things not to do as it pertains to the basic preparation, serving and consumption of food during the various seasons, winter, summer, spring and fall. Basic food safety guidelines will be presented.

DAT-Our Disaster Awareness Team - One of National Campers and Hikers, Family Campers and RVers foundational program areas is Disaster Awareness Training. Come to this workshop/seminar and learn about the various topic areas that fall under the purview of Disaster Awareness. Each area of awareness will be touched on, briefly. You will learn a lot, and this also gives you the opportunity to pick up some hints on topic areas to present at your chapter or state campouts. (Handout will be available.)



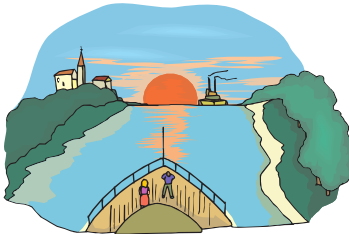
SEMINARS



Seminars are scheduled daily. They will cover both conservation and local history/interest and alternate topics by time. All presenters have volunteered to join us, and several will have their products (honey, maple, books) available immediately following their session.

Sunny Hunny Farms - Tracy Robbins-Garrison

Sunny Hunny Farms, owned by Violet Robbins and Tracy Robbins-Garrison, in Amsterdam is a licensed nursery with an apiary for beehives. The mother and daughter have just opened a seasonal store at their 18-acre farm to expand access to its fresh cut flowers, potted plants, fruits, vegetables, honey and bee products.



Origins of the Erie Canal - Craig Brack

"The Mind-sets and Motivations Which Created the Erie Canal" will explore several major events in the early history of our country which led to the construction and success of the canal. In particular, there were at least three such events which occurred from 1776 to 1815 which led directly to the ultra-expensive construction of the canal starting in 1817. This will help you better understand and appreciate your trip along the nation's first highway.



SEMINARS



The Oneida Indian Nation - Jessica Farmer
www.oneidaindiannation.com

The Oneidas are an indigenous nation of American Indian people whose sacred and sovereign homelands are located in Central New York. The Nation was a key ally of the United States during the Revolutionary War, and it has been a cultural and economic anchor for the region.



Mud Road Sugar House - Vern Duesler III
www.mudroadsugarhouse.com

Over five generations, Mud Road Sugar House has grown from to a 4000 tap operation encompassing several hundred acres of sugarbush. Like most operations it is family owned and operated by Vern Duesler III (Margaret), sons D.J. (Erica), and Chad (Lindsay) and the grandchildren. Hear from the source how sap is made into syrup and taste the goodness that nature provides.



SEMINARS



Invasive Species - Addison Kubrick
www.capitalregionprism.org

Invasive species are any non-native species (plant, animal, microbe, etc.) that have the ability to cause harm to the environment, economy, and/or human health. The Capital Region Partnership for Invasive Species Management works in collaboration with partner groups to promote prevention, education, and outreach strategies, create early detection and response networks, and execute best management practices for invasive species control.



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Revolution in the Valley - Ft. Stanwix National Monument staff www.nps.gov/fost

For centuries, the Oneida Carrying Place, a six mile portage connecting the Mohawk River and Wood Creek, served as a vital link for those traveling by water from the ocean to the Great Lakes. When Europeans arrived, nations fought for control of the carry and the rich resources of North America. Learn how this strategic location became the lynchpin that allowed our nation to survive.



SEMINARS



Haunted Mohawk Valley - Dennis Weaver

www.facebook.com/GhostSeekersOfCentralNY

The Mohawk River winds through central New York, and along its meandering path residents and visitors have encountered the supernatural. In Utica, ghosts grace the stage of the Stanley Theater; Spirits of Revolutionary War soldiers still march on the Oriskany Battlefield and linger in Schoharie's Old Stone Fort; and some former residents of Beardslee Castle in St. Johnsville, Boonville's Hulbert House and the Seashell Inn of Sylvan Beach have resisted vacating.



Rawlings Adirondack Bat Company - TBD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQ6LRohZY8I>

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ENTERTAINMENT



Sunday - 5:00 pm

Camden Continentals - Fife & Drum Corps

<https://www.camdencontinentals.org>

In the mid 1800s the Taberg (NY) Fife & Drum Corps was created under the direction of Alanson White. Mainly playing at political rallies and patriotic celebrations, in 1945 the band moved to Camden and renamed the Camden Continentals. The corps now has an active schedule of approximately 15 events per year at parades and musters. The Camden Continentals mission is to entertain the people of Central New York while promoting patriotism and a general sense of esprit de corps within our community.

The Camden Continentals will step off in formation and parade around the Campvention grounds at 5 pm. They will conclude near the stage, where they will perform a few numbers before providing accompaniment for the national anthems.



ENTERTAINMENT



Monday – 7:00 pm

Grit & Grace

[\(http://www.gritngraceband.com/\)](http://www.gritngraceband.com/)

Since 2011 Grit N Grace has been entertaining audiences regionally in NY as well as neighboring states with their unique blend of high energy country, rock, and dance music for a show that is enjoyable for all ages.





ENTERTAINMENT



Tuesday - 7:00 pm

FCRV's Got Talent

Comedy, Dance, Singing and Music. Sit back and show your support for your fellow FCRV members as they share their special talents with you.





ENTERTAINMENT



Wednesday - 7:00 pm

Big Fez and the Surfomatics

<https://bigfezmusic.com/home>

Big Fez & the Surfomatics are a four-man group performing classic surf and beach music from the early 1960's and beyond. While all four members are journeymen musicians who have individually developed their craft through rock, country, bluegrass, and celtic music, it is the music of their youth, the “music of the surf”, that has brought them together to form this outstanding combo.





Friday – 7:00 pm

Leslie Tallmadge - Campfire sing-along

With a decade of experience as a Girl Scout leader and camp counselor, Leslie has collected hundreds of camp songs. She has performed many times to appreciative audiences at Camp Amahami, and during COVID kept the Camp spirit alive through Facebook Live campfire sing-alongs.





RETIREE RALLY 2025



The FCRV Retiree Program invites everyone to attend the 53rd Family Campers & RVers International Retiree Rally at the National Peanut Festival, 5622 Highway 231 South, Dothan Alabama 36301. The theme is “Spring Has Sprung,” and coordinators Steve and Diane Hitchens, are preparing many fun events for all to enjoy. You won't want to miss this event. So put a "spring" in your step and "Leap" on over to Dothan for a Rally good time. Remember, you do not have to be retired to come to the Rally, you just have to be ready to have a good time!



CAMPVENTION 2025



The Spirit of Friendship will be alive at the 65th Annual Campvention being held in Lebanon, Tennessee. Save the dates July 20th through 26th with early days starting on July 18th. Come to Lebanon to renew old friendships and form new ones. The Lebanon team is working hard to create a week of fellowship, friendship, and fun! Lebanon is near the state capitol, Nashville. Plan a side trip to the Ryman Auditorium or The Grand Ole' Opry. Other fun things to see include Cedars of Lebanon State Park, Splish Splash Waterpark, The Capitol Theater, museums, the Cumberland River, and a variety of other fun adventures.



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